REMARKS

Claims 3 and 12-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is cancelled and claim 3 is amended with features supported in the specification, for example, at least at lines 5-14, on page 25. Claims 12-17 are added to recite features supported in the specification, for example, at least at page 2, line 8 to page 5, line 17. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Alavi in the August 8, 2007 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wang (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,738). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The rejection of claim 1 is moot because it is cancelled by this amendment.

Wang fails to disclose or suggest an image display member on which at least one sort of image is displayed, wherein the image display member is a recording medium, as recited in independent claim 3.

Wang, in Fig. 3, col. 3, lines 55-58, merely discloses a computer system 310, a display screen 312, a color monitor, keyboard 313 for entering user commands, and a pointing device 314 such as a mouse. Wang, at col. 3, lines 55-58 and 65-67, merely discloses a conventional personal computer configured to process data accordingly to a hierarchical tree structure and also according to a block selection technique.

Thus, Wang fails to disclose or suggest an image display member that is a recording medium, as recited in independent claim 3.

As discussed at the interview, Wang also fails to disclose or suggest an image processing unit for performing an image processing with respect to an image in an area based on the read area data and the read attribute data, as recited in independent claim 3.

Wang, at col. 3, lines 65-67, indicates various hierarchical tree data structures that correspond to processing document pages. The document pages are also processed according to a block section technique. The document pages are processed according to attribute data specifying image type, text, pictures and tables. However, Wang fails to disclose any comparison of data based on data obtained from any communication function of the image display member.

Accordingly, Wang fails to disclose or suggest an image processing unit for performing an image processing with respect to an image in an area based on the read area data and the read attribute data, as recited in independent claim 3.

In view of the above remarks, independent claim 3 defines patentable subject matter. Claims 12-17 depend from claim 3, and therefore, are patentable for the same reasons, as well as for the additional features recited therein. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 3 and 12-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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